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COUNTRY	East Germany		REPORT	
TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains in the Area of the Eighth Gds Army			
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REMARKS				
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1. The following troop trains were observed at the Weimar railroad station on 2, 3, and 4 May 1954:

At 11:30 on 2 May. A train of 25 cars, including cars with 3 x 120-mm mortars and 4 field kitchens; and another train of 4 boxcars with soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars with materiel, including 2 T-34/85 tanks and 12 trucks [ ] the train proceeded toward west.  
At 2 p.m. on 3 May. A train with an engineer unit from the Buchenwald concentration camp [ ] including 15 trucks loaded with pontoons [ ]

The train left toward Erfurt.

At 2:30 p.m. on 3 May. A train with 10 T-34/85 tanks, [ ] which came from an easterly direction and went toward Erfurt.

At 6 p.m. on 4 May. A train carrying a tank unit from the Flak Kaserne in Weimar [ ] with 10 T-34/85 tanks, [ ] At 8:10 a.m., the train passed through Erfurt toward Gotha.

At 11 a.m. on 4 May. A train with elements from the Tannenberg Kaserne [ ], including 3 x 120-mm mortars.

2. At 10 a.m. on 3 May, a column including 11 trucks towing 6 AA guns of about 37 mm and loaded with billeting equipment left the Luetzendorf Kaserne in Weimar [ ] and marched westward. [ ]

On 4 May, the barracks installations in Weimar apparently were occupied by rear details only. On 5 May, the army headquarters still was in Weimar-Nohra [ ]

3. Three westbound troop trains passing through Erfurt on 4 May included: a train with tanks [ ] at 9:30 a.m.; another train of 20 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 18 T-34/85 tanks at 10:50 a.m.; and the third train of 6 boxcars with personnel and 20 boxcars with equipment [ ] at 11 a.m.

4. At 10:30 a.m. on 5 May, a tank unit of 18 officers, about 200 EM, 28 tanks and 8 motor vehicles, including sedan [ ] and jeeps [ ] 25X1  
[ ] unloaded at the Eisenach-South railroad station.\*

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1. Comment. Except for the troop train from the Buchenwald concentration camp, all other trains probably were loaded with components of the 20th Gds Mech Div which [ ] also included the 65th Gds Mech Regt from Weimar; the units moved to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. The troop train from Buchenwald indicates that elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army from the Buchenwald concentration camp also moved to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds rather than to the training area on the Elbe River north of Dessau as was previously expected.

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2. Comment. Probably elements of a light AAA regiment of the 13th AAA Div which moved by road to the summer camp at Ohrdruf.

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3. Comment. The troop trains at Erfurt also carried contingents of the 20th Gds Mech Div which [ ] included an element of the 68th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt from Jena. The troops also went to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds.

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4. Comment. [ ] the unloaded tank unit belonged to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which [ ] [ ] was carried to the Kindel troop training grounds. [ ]

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